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REMARKS

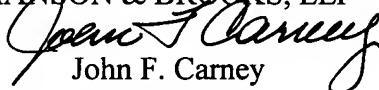
Claims 1 to 5 hereof are amended in order to cure the omission of elements from the preamble of the claims and to ensure that it is understood that the invention recited in the bodies of the claims have application to culottes and skirts as well as to pants.

It is therefore requested that further examination be made of the claims hereof, amended as indicated.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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